



## 113 Inmates Join Department of Corrections Staff in Tornado Clean-Up



**Inmates from Dixon Springs remove debris from tornado-damaged homes in Brookport last week. (IDOC photo)**

December 6, 2013---Illinois Department of Corrections crews have now worked 831 hours in assisting Brookport and Gifford in recovery from the deadly November 17th outbreak of tornadoes.

IDOC Lieutenant John Eilers says since the cleanup operations began, the department has sent out 16 crews, 36 staff and 113 offenders to help with debris removal efforts. The Department has now received a request for tornado relief assistance from Diamond. Crews will begin working there on Tuesday.

On November 25th, the Department of Corrections delivered two box trucks of water and Illinois Correctional Industries delivered a semi-trailer of disaster relief supplies to Brookport. Two crews from the Dixon Springs Impact incarceration Program unloaded the donated supplies.

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IDOC Director S.A. 'Tony' Godinez says the department staff and inmates have done an outstanding job in providing emergency assistance.

Governor Pat Quinn personally expressed his sincere appreciation to the staff and offenders of the Department of Corrections and Illinois Correctional Industries for their efforts and work ethic during the operation.

Throughout the years, IDOC has helped hundreds of communities successfully complete demanding emergency relief projects. The system allows citizens to see inmates working and giving back to the community and taxpayers' money at work.